

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Behavioral Health	(2) MEETING DATE 8/13/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Cindy Collins, ASM, 788-2932 Amy Olson, ASO II, 781-4729	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve renewal contracts (Clerk's File) with San Luis Coastal Unified School District, County Office of Education, and Atascadero Unified School District for Fiscal Year 2013-14 in the collective amount not to exceed \$154,791 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve and direct Chairperson to sign the renewal contracts with San Luis Coastal Unified School District (SLCUSD), County Office of Education (COE), and Atascadero Unified School District (AUSD) for FY 2013-14 in the collective amount not to exceed \$154,791 under which the County will provide on-site support in addition to educationally related mental health services in the District's special education classes.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) SLCUSD, COE, AUSD	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$154,791.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$154,791.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT { X } Consent { } Presentation { } Hearing (Time Est. ____) { } Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS { } Resolutions { X } Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A { } 4/5th's Vote Required { X } N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date: <u>8/29/12 & 9/6/12</u>	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Reviewed by Leslie Brown			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director

DATE: 8/13/2013

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

Under Federal law, special education students who require educationally related mental health services in order to benefit from their education are entitled to receive mental health services as part of their right to a free appropriate public education.

Previously under California law, the local county mental health plans were mandated through Government Code 7570, also known as AB 3632, to provide educationally related mental health services. Effective October 8, 2010, responsibility to ensure special education students receive these services falls to local school districts and their local Special Education Local Planning Areas (SELPA), the State-designated regional entity responsible for overseeing and supporting the delivery of services to special education children. The County has a separate contract with San Luis Obispo SELPA, which your Board approved on July 16, 2013, to facilitate coordination and funding for all educationally related mental health services provided throughout all of San Luis Obispo County.

The three school districts have requested the County continue to provide educationally related mental health services for their special education students. The contracts facilitate a team approach with school staff and County staff to provide support and coordination to serve each child's needs as identified on their Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Staff from County Behavioral Health and Family Care Network will provide individual therapy and rehabilitation, group and family therapy, case management and consultation services, and crisis intervention. Below are teams for each school district:

School	# County Mental Health Therapists	# Family Care Network Behavioral Specialists	# Classrooms Served	# Students Per Classroom	Total Students
San Luis Coastal USD	2	4	4	10	40
County Office of Ed.	2	0	2	3-5	6-10
Atascadero USD	1	2	2	10	20

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The FY 2013-14 Approved Budget includes the costs associated with providing educationally related mental health services to children with an eligible IEP.

When the educationally related mental health services are provided, all appropriate payor sources, such as Medi-Cal, EPSDT, and other Special Education funding are submitted for reimbursement. SELPA pays the match component as required by Medi-Cal and any unreimbursed cost associated with the service.

Since the school districts are interested in having staff on-site the entire school day, each School District will provide reimbursement to the County for any unreimbursed costs that were not provided by SELPA for educationally related mental health services. This would equate to any time staff or contractor was present but did not provide a specific mental health service that is billable to Medi-Cal or third party payor. Below are the potential reimbursement amounts stipulated in each contract:

FY 2013-14 Contract Amounts

School District	Potential Reimbursement Amount
SLCUSD	\$ 90,059
COE	\$ 30,000
AUSD	\$ 34,732
TOTAL	\$ 154,791

RESULTS

FY 2012-13 ED Services Provided

School District	# Children Served	# Medi-Cal / EPSDT Funded
SLCUSD	27	25
COE	17	15
AUSD	18	16
Total	62	56

FY 2012-13 ED Measurable Outcomes

School District	% Children Avoiding Out of Home Placement	% Children Avoiding Suspension or Expulsion	% Children Avoiding Inpatient Psychiatric Hospitalization
SLCUSD	96%	89%	93%
COE	100%	89%	100%
AUSD	89%	67%	89%

The primary goal of the collaborative efforts is to help children remain in their homes and the community, while receiving the most appropriate education. The educationally related mental health services provided under these contracts with SELPA and the School Districts are part of a larger continuum of care that aims to improve the quality of life of those served. Providing the most appropriate services to the clients increases the probability of positive treatment outcomes. Furthermore, positive treatment outcomes contribute to the wider County vision of a healthy and safe community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Clerk's Filed Cover Sheet for SLCUSD, COE & AUSD ED Class Contract Renewals FY 13-14